Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I will find it out in the afternoon.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Now that it is stated that the Willingdon Island is under our jurisdiction, has the Government begun to levy the license fee on the Malabar Hotel for carrying on the D. & O. trades there?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I do not think that arises out of this question. The matter is yet under correspondence as was stated last time.

WEEKLY MARKET REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF

287. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar of Cochin-Kanayannur publishes the weekly market reports every week;

(*b*) if not, why;

(*c*) whether each Tahsildar publishes the weekly market reports of the same produce or separate produces;

(*d*) whether Government have given any instructions to each Tahsildar as to the variety of produces they should report;

(*e*) whether they have any objection to report the weekly market rates of paddy, cocoanut, arecanut, pepper and such other produce in the markets of Nemmara, Chalakkudi, Chelakkara and Kunnamkulam?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes, generally.

(*b*) No answer is necessary.

(*c*) The market rates of the principal products of the State are published.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) There is objection, since the rates prevailing at the Taluk head-quarters are published every week in the Gazette, and there will be no end to such publications, if we begin to enlarge the list of such places.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Each Tahsildar publishes market reports of different commodities. Recently, the Tahsildar of Talappalli has been publishing rates of arecanuts. These rates were published recently by the Trichur Tahsildar also. They were

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publishing two sorts of market rates, one under the Tenancy Act and the other, weekly market rates. Why not the system of weekly market rates of paddy, cocoanut and other commodities published in all the places instead of that of different commodities in different places?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, there are two orders under which these rates are published. One is, under the authority of section 42 of the Tenancy Act under which we have to publish monthly rates of certain commodities prevailing at each taluk headquarter. The commodities are mentioned as paddy, arecanut, cocoanut, pepper and such other produce.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The monthly rates are only published in Trichur.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* These rates will be published at every taluk headquarter hereafter.

Coming to the weekly rates, these weekly rates have been ordered to be published for rice, paddy and one or two other commodities. Since these weekly rates were published, it was not thought necessary by some of these Tahsildars to publish the monthly rates also. The matter was reconsidered recently, and they have been ordered to conform to the provisions of the Tenancy Act and told that they must publish weekly as well as monthly rates. They are doing it now.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I bring to the notice of Government that there is a lot of irregularity in the matter of publication of these rates?

Mr. President: That statement must be supported by facts. If any solid instance is brought to notice, then Government will take action.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Last time I cited several figures.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* When did you do it and to whom did you represent?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* During the budget session there was a discussion here and I brought these facts to the notice of the House.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* 10 or 15 years back the market reports of all the commodities of the different markets mentioned in sub-division (e) were published in the Government

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Gazette. May I know whether Government have any objection to revert to that practice?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It was re-considered at the time when Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar was the Diwan Peishkar, and it was thought that it was enough to publish these rates with reference to the 3 essential commodities at the taluk headquarters. That is a subsequent order of the Government and that is the order which is now followed. Let me submit the reason why we take objection. Ours is a very small State and we publish these rates with reference to the taluk headquarters. If we were to publish all the rates prevailing at every market, much space in the Gazette will have to be allotted for this and it will add greatly to our work. We are already over-worked. Of course, there are these weekly and monthly reports of the rates prevailing in the taluk headquarters published.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Does the Government know that the Cochin-Kanayannur Tahsildar, while publishing these rates has quoted the rate for a bag of rice and paddy instead of referring it in terms of *para*?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is a separate question regarding it. I will give you an answer when it comes. That is a mistake committed by the subordinate officers.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* After the passing of the Agriculturists' Relief Act these rates are becoming more and more important. I, therefore, once again request the Diwan Peishkar to look into this matter very carefully.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, I am going into it very carefully. I am myself looking into these rates before they are published.

INLAND FISHERIES—AUCTION OF

288. **Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount received by Government by auctioning *Poramboke* canals for inland fishing for the last 3 years;

(*b*) the number of canals auctioned in 1116;

(*c*) the number of petitions received from agriculturists owning lands adjoining the canals protesting against the grant of licenses to outsiders;

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